

ORDINANCE
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND,
AMENDING CITY CODE, CHAPTER 127 “RENT STABILIZATION”, §127-13
“EXPIRATION DATE” TO EXTEND THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE RENT
STABILIZATION LAW THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1, 2014.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Art. 23A, §2, the City of College Park, Maryland (hereinafter, the “City”) has the power to pass such ordinances as it deems necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 05-O-02, which established in Chapter 127 of the City code a rent stabilization program for the purposes stated in the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 127 contained a provision in §127-13 that required the law to expire and become null and void after the first day of September, 2009; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 09-O-06, which extended the rent stabilization program through September 1, 2012 for the reasons set forth in the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 12-O-06, for the reasons stated in the Ordinance, which are incorporated herein by reference, to extend the rent stabilization law through the first day of September, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that the conditions that the rent stabilization program was designed to address have not yet been resolved, and that additional time is needed to receive the full benefit from the law; and

CAPS	: Indicate matter added to existing law.
Asterisks * * *	: Indicate matter remaining unchanged in existing law but not set Forth in Ordinance.
<u>UNDERLINED CAPS</u>	: Indicates matter added to Ordinance by amendment.
[Brackets]	: Indicate matter deleted from Ordinance by amendment.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council deem it to be in the best interest of the City to extend the rent stabilization program for an additional period in order to ensure the availability and maintenance of affordable housing in the City, to protect the standard of living of all City residents, and to strengthen and stabilize the City's neighborhoods.

Section 1. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland that Chapter 127, "Rent Stabilization", §127-13 "Expiration Date" be and it is hereby amended to read as follows:

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§ 127-13. Expiration date.

This ordinance shall expire and shall be null and void after the first day of September, [2013] 2014. This provision, commonly referred to as a "sunset provision," is included in this ordinance. The effectiveness of and the necessity for this chapter will be reviewed by the Mayor and City Council within a reasonable time after its adoption.

Section 2. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park that, upon formal introduction of this proposed Ordinance, which shall be by way of a motion duly seconded and without any further vote, the City Clerk shall distribute a copy to each Council member and shall maintain a reasonable number of copies in the office of the City Clerk and shall publish this proposed ordinance or a fair summary thereof in a newspaper having a general circulation in the City of College Park together with a notice setting out the time and place for a public hearing thereon and for its consideration by the Council. The public hearing, hereby set for 7:00 P.M. on the 18th day of June, 2013, shall follow the publication by at least seven (7) days, may be held separately or in connection with a regular or special Council meeting and may be

adjourned from time to time. All persons interested shall have an opportunity to be heard. After the hearing, the Council may adopt the proposed ordinance with or without amendments or reject it. As soon as practicable after adoption, the City Clerk shall have a fair summary of the Ordinance and notice of its adoption published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the City of College Park and available at the City's offices. This Ordinance shall become effective on _____, 2013 provided that a fair summary of this Ordinance is published at least once prior to the date of passage and once as soon as practical after the date of passage in a newspaper having general circulation in the City.

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland at a regular meeting on the _____ day of _____ 2013.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland at a regular meeting on the _____ day of _____ 2013.

EFFECTIVE the _____ day of _____, 2013.

ATTEST:

**THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK,
MARYLAND**

By: _____
Janeen S. Miller, CMC, City Clerk

By: _____
Andrew M. Fellows, Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

Suellen M. Ferguson, City Attorney